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Attorney Docket No. 7315

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry

Under 35 U.S.C. 371 from

The International Application of:

Applicants: CURRY, John D. et al.

Int'l App. No. PCT/US99/24937

Filed in the RO/US on 22 October 1999

Title: METHODS FOR LAUNDERING

DELICATE GARMENTS IN A

WASHING MACHINE

Group Art Unit

Examiner

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Before calculating the filing fee, please amend the claims by submitting the following replacement claim for pending claim 41:

41. (Amended) A process according to claim 30 wherein the garment is composed of silk fibers.